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For: SEMI-HARD MAGNETIC MATERIAL, METHOD OF PRODUCING SAME, AND MAGNETIC MARKER USING SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the above-mentioned application as

follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 6, line 10, please delete "Fig.3 is a photograph" and insert therefor --Fig.3(A) through 3(D) are photographs--;

line 13, please delete "Fig.4 is a photograph" and insert therefor --Fig.4(A) through 4(C) are photographs--;

line 15, please delete "Fig.5 is a photograph" and insert therefor --Fig.5(A) through 5(C) are photographs--.

REMARKS

The above amendments are made to correct the designation of the Figures in the brief description of the drawings so that the brief description conforms correctly to the drawings.

Applicants submit no questions of new matter should arise and entry is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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